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**Listing of the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A single-use hygiene item ~~having comprising:~~  
~~as a disposable absorbent element configured to absorb and retain for~~  
~~absorbing and retaining~~ bodily fluid passed by a user; and  
~~having an analysis device, the analysis device including means for~~  
~~analyzing at least one characteristic of body fluid passed by the user, means for facilitating~~  
~~direct impingement of a portion of the bodily fluid passed by the user into contact with the~~  
~~analysis means separate from contact with the absorbent element, means for disposing the~~  
~~analysis device on the absorbent element, and means for separating for measuring a~~  
~~composition of for the bodily fluid, characterized in that the analysis device is disposed at an~~  
~~area of the hygiene item on which the bodily fluid in the analysis device to be analyzed in the~~  
~~analysis device can impinge and is separated from the disposable absorbent element in an~~  
~~essentially fluid-tight manner, from the absorbent element by a separating means, so that~~  
~~bodily fluid passed by a user to be analyzed can reach the analysis device directly, but bodily~~  
~~fluid that has penetrated to the absorbent element is retained by~~  
wherein the separating means is configured to retain bodily fluid that  
has penetrated to the absorbent element away from the analysis device[[.]] and to prevent the  
bodily fluid contaminated by the absorbent material from falsifying an analysis of the analysis  
device.
2. (Currently Amended) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 1,  
wherein the separating means ~~forms~~ is configured as an insert in the absorbent element and  
contains containing the analysis device.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2,  
wherein the insert has sidewalls extending up on a side facing the body.